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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let Us Celebrate Grandparents... and Not Just for a Day



By Valerie
Hettrick

Grandparents' Day falls on September 12, 2021. In Canada, we have been celebrating this special day since 1995. This

year, this day seems even more poignant than ever. We have read of many horrific acts of neglect of our seniors (especially during the Covid lockdowns), elder abuse, and the ever-constant push of euthanasia in this country. Perhaps we need to take a step back and ask how we got to this place of insanity: only a few years ago, grandparents were revered for the wisdom and knowledge they could impart to their grandchildren. In fact, in some cultures the grandparents raise the grandchildren, and the parents work to provide for their families. Grandparents have time, wisdom, and patience to help raise productive, well-adjusted grandchildren. Unfortunately, many grandparents don't have the access to their grandchildren that they once did, and this can, if unintentionally, lead to deep loneliness and depression for the elderly.

Canada's original euthanasia bill passed on June 17, 2016. According to the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, the 2020 Health Canada euthanasia report shows that euthanasia is out of control in this country and Bill C-7 (expansion of assisted suicide) only made it worse. The report indicates that there were 7,595 reported assisted deaths in Canada, representing 2.5% of all deaths. **1,400 people listed loneliness and isolation as their reason for asking for euthanasia.** The two most common reasons people asked to be killed (by MAiD) were: loss of ability to engage in meaningful life activities, and loss of ability to perform activities of daily living. These are disability-related

concerns, underlining the reality that pain is not the primary reason people ask to be killed, as we are continually led to believe. Will the expansion of assisted suicide stop here? No, the federal government is committed to expanding euthanasia to those with mental illness and "mature minors" (children and teens).

One way to protect our families is by purchasing the Life Protecting Power of Attorney for Personal Care. If you have questions, concerns and/or a story about a family member or friend being pressured to consider euthanasia, assisted suicide or questionable end-of-life medical decisions, call the 'Compassionate Community Care' (CCC) helpline: 1-855-675-8749.

So, what can we do in our own little corners of the world to be protagonists of joy, peace, and love for our elderly and grandparents? We all have natural gifts that God has given us to share. Sometimes we think we must run around and seek a mission but many times that mission is right in front of us. Perhaps we need to stop and see those whom God has placed in our paths. Let us look for opportunities and not be afraid to reach out to others. **We can spread so much joy by a simple phone call, letter, bouquet of flowers, etc.**

Matthew 7:7 says: *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.* The world is dying for lack of love. Let us be missionaries of love and let us celebrate our seniors, not just on Grandparents' Day, but all through the year. God bless our elderly.

As always, I thank you for your prayers, support, and perseverance in this mission for life. God bless you and your families. ♥



Calendar of events

SEPT 22—OCT 31: 40 Hours for Life Saskatoon, hosted by Campaign Life Coalition SK. Queen Street in front of City Hospital. Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Signs are provided.

SEPTEMBER 25: Battlefords RTL Annual Walk for Life. Registration 9:00 AM, St. Joseph parish hall, 1942 98th Street, North Battleford. Walk begins 9:45 AM. Transportation provided from monument at cemetery back to church hall for lunch. Call (306) 937-7683.

OCTOBER 3: National Life Chain. Held in more than 200 locations across Canada each year from 2:00-3:00 PM. Visit campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain or contact your local pro-life group.

OCTOBER 22—24: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Suffering after an abortion? Attend a Rachel's Vineyard retreat and find healing. For information or to register, call Elaine (306) 480-8911 or email r.vineyardsk@sasktel.net

NOVEMBER 5: Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre Gala. Prairieland Park. Dinner, program, and online auction. Tickets are free but MUST be reserved. Call (306) 665-7550; email contact@saskatoonpregnancyoptions.com

JANUARY 28: Day of Prayer & Reflection. 33rd anniversary (1988) of when the Supreme Court struck down Canada's abortion law, leaving the preborn without any legal protection. Many churches observe a "pro-life Sunday" at this time of year.

A Lamp Shining in a Dark Place



By Mariette Ulrich

When we read the news, or ponder how the forces of life are faring against the forces of death and darkness, it's difficult not to feel depressed or

demoralized. Sometimes I have to step back from reading news websites or my favourite political blogs, because there is so little good news. Then I consider that in future those sites may not exist at all (censorship will worsen under the power of leftist-authoritarian governments), and it makes me even more depressed.

The battle for life (and liberty) takes place on many fronts: law and politics; journalism/free speech; education; attacks on faith, marriage, and family life. We contend with a culture that has lost respect for human dignity and God's wisdom and authority. (May the Lord protect and strengthen our nation as we face an imminent federal election.) Bad news is inevitable in a fallen world, but it need not defeat us. No matter how bleak a situation may seem, we must kindle hope in our hearts if we wish to manifest it to the world.

Several times in the last while I have come across the phrase "a sacrifice of praise" in my daily Bible readings and commentary magazine, *The Word Among Us*. It's a strange phrase, almost an oxymoron: shouldn't praise be joyful and spontaneous—the outpouring of a light and jubilant heart? Whereas the

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word "sacrifice" for many (well, for me) connotes something done with a heavy, timorous, maybe even reluctant, heart. Sacrifice almost never feels good: in times of loss or persecution, we might be more inclined to take an Israelite-in-the-desert approach: *Why us? How long, O Lord?*—rather than a King David dancing-before-the-Ark attitude.

Sometimes, we feel like Abraham, being asked to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Sometimes we feel like Isaac. And yet somehow, while bound on the proverbial altar, awaiting the fatal blow, we are supposed to praise God? Yes. Again, my Scripture study magazine offers sound advice: "Grab onto hope when you become discouraged...and focus instead on the goodness of God." Grab onto hope: it's an active choice, not a passive feeling. Focus on the good; begin by counting your blessings.

Some are quite obvious, like grandchildren (I was blessed with THREE new grand-babies this year!). Other blessings are in disguise, such as a loved one's annoying habit, through which God is teaching us patience and forgiveness. One of our greatest blessings in God's word in Scripture, and we can rely on his promises: *So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.* (2 Peter 1:19)

God brings good out of evil; he works his will in all situations, even if we don't see it at first. It's all in God's hands. All of it. All the time.

There is an old Latin saying, "Ora et Labora," which means "Pray and Work." We need to work (and sacrifice) for pro-life: volunteer, donate, help women; engage in politics, journalism, and personal witness. But prayer comes first—and foremost is praising God for his goodness, his saving power, his mercy, his justice, and his love. That is where we will draw our strength and hope.

And yes, *I know* there are atheist and secular pro-life organizations—I praise God for them. It shows that the Holy Spirit is working even where he is not recognized or acknowledged. But I don't know where non-believers find their courage, their energy, or their solace. I need God's help every single day, and I praise and thank him that he generously bestows it upon his unworthy servant.

Do you dwell in darkness, or do you thank God daily for all the 'shining lamps' in your life? Do you—or will you—strive to be a lamp for others?

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. (Psalm 112:7-8) ♥

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop Bubble Zones in Saskatchewan

Pro-abortion politicians and lobbyists are trying to target and censor pro-lifers in Saskatchewan. Last May, Jennifer Bowes, an NDP MLA, introduced Bill 605, which is deceptively titled *An Act to Provide Safe Access to Abortion Services*.

Bill 605 would put bubble zones of up to 150 metres around abortion facilities in Saskatchewan, and would make it illegal to protest abortion from within these bubble zones.

This means that pro-lifers peacefully praying, carrying signs, or sidewalk counselling within these bubble zones would be doing something illegal, and they could be charged up to \$5000. According to Global News, repeat offenders could face fines of up to \$10,000, or even face jail time for one year! This is another blatant attempt to silence the pro-life movement. Canadians should not be jailed or fined for simply expressing views, *especially views that aim to save children from being murdered*.

Sign our petition to speak up against bubble zones and this attempt to discriminate against the pro-life movement in Saskatchewan.

Bill 605 is based on the lie that pro-life people are violent, and that pregnant women and abortion clinic workers need to be protected from pro-life activists. This couldn't be further from the truth. Pro-abortion advocacy groups haven't documented a single case of violence being perpetrated by pro-life protestors in Canada since July 2000. In fact, we've seen many examples of Canadian pro-life activists being targeted with violence and harassment.

Saskatchewan's Justice Minister told the legislative assembly that the government would need to review Bill 605 to make sure it complies with the Charter. But Bill 605 runs contrary to the Charter. Bubble zones attack our right to assemble peacefully and our right to freely express ourselves.

We need Scott Moe, the Premier of Saskatchewan and the leader of the Saskatchewan Party, to know that the pro-life movement is a peaceful movement, and that we cannot have our Charter rights violated.

We need him to get the MLAs in the Saskatchewan Party to vote against Bill 605. The NDP in Saskatchewan wants to push the province in the same direction as Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, and Newfoundland, who have all passed bubble zone legislation.

Less than a year after Ontario's bubble zone law was passed, Fr. Tony Van Hee, an 83-year-old Jesuit priest was arrested for carrying a sign outside an abortion clinic which read: "Without Free Speech the State Is a Corpse." Bill 605 will lead to arrests in Saskatchewan of peaceful pro-life protestors just like Fr. Van Hee.

Pro-life censorship in Canada doesn't stop with bubble zones around abortion clinics. Last year, Calgary passed a bill to restrict pro-life signs around schools as well, which CitizenGO worked to fight against.

The real goal of pro-abortion politicians is to completely remove the pro-life message from the public square. The proponents of the culture of death want to get rid of all sidewalk counsellors, all pro-life messages, and any pro-life opinion that could lead a woman in a crisis pregnancy to choose life.

Join our campaign today to prevent the rights of pro-lifers in Saskatchewan from being violated. Tell Premier Scott Moe to put an end to Bill 605.

Signed,
James Schadenberg and the entire
CitizenGO Team

CitizenGO seeks to promote the participation of society in politics. Sign the petition at citizengo.org. Editor's Note: Campaign Life Coalition also has a petition against Bill 605.
[Campaignlifecoalition.com/petition](https://campaignlifecoalition.com/petition)

Promoting Abortion, Not Helping Women

Critics of the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre are demanding that abortion be promoted at the expense of actually helping women. For ten years, the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine has allowed non-medical placements at the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre. This is a part of the college's community and workplace centered learning experience module. An organization like the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre, dedicated to providing resources and support to pregnant women, seems to fit right in with the objectives of that module. But now the university is facing pressure [Editor's note: they have succumbed; see story on page 14.] to cease allowing non-medical placements at the centre despite the good work they do. The only reason against the centre is the fact that they don't promote abortion. They instead hope women "will choose the gift of life."

Women freely walk into the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre and are able to have free pregnancy tests, gain information, and receive support. The centre does nothing, nor could do anything, to prevent women from having abortions, but provides practical support for those seeking to choose other options. The fact that some people want only to promote abortion should not detract from the real good that this centre does in their community. If this is really about "choices," then there should be no issue with a centre that is dedicated to supporting women who choose to parent or to give their child up for adoption. The backlash is not about helping women, it is about promoting abortion.

Tabitha Ewart, WeNeedALaw.ca
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Dangerous Bill C-36 Threatens Free Speech

By **Spencer Fernando**

With Bill C-10 having passed in the House of Commons and going on to the Senate, the Liberals are wasting little time in launching yet another assault on your freedom of expression. The Liberals have introduced Bill C-36, which they claim is aimed at countering 'online hate.'

Hate is defined in the bill as "the emotion that involves detestation or vilification and that is stronger than dislike or disdain," but hatred is not incited solely because it "discredits, humiliates, hurts or offends."

In addition, the bill would amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to make it a "discriminatory practice" to communicate hate speech through the internet where it is "likely to foment detestation or vilification of an individual or group of individuals on the basis of a prohibited ground of discrimination."

When it comes to government power and authority, vagueness is dangerous. And consider how vague the idea of "the emotion that involves detestation or vilification and that is stronger than dislike or disdain." Interestingly, the Merriam-Webster dictionary lists 'disdain' as a word 'related' to 'detest,' making that distinction nearly irrelevant.

How do you figure out whether someone 'detests' or 'disdains'? Could someone give a speech in which they say they 'disdain' people from a certain country, yet not say they 'detest' them? Who decides what emotion someone is feeling?

Then the legislation lists 'Exclusions,' noting "For greater certainty, the communication of a statement does not incite or promote hatred, for the purposes of this section, solely because it discredits, humiliates, hurts or offends." But what if someone says something that humiliates someone in such a way that it invites others to detest them? Would that then be a hate crime? You can see how absurd all of this is. And it gets even worse.

Under the section "Fear of hate propaganda offence or hate crime," C-36 makes it possible for the government to bring someone before a judge if someone else is worried they could commit a crime. That is incredibly disturbing, because it means that someone 'fearing' that another person will commit a 'hate propaganda offence' or 'hate crime' can initiate a process that would result in someone facing a severe loss of freedom and/or financial damage, all without that person having actually committed any crime, not to mention that 'hate propaganda' and 'hate crime' are incredibly vague in the legislation.

This is the kind of legislation you would expect to see in an anti-democratic, Communist state that is seeking to create wide pretexts to arrest or punish whomever the government feels has 'stepped out of line' with the official government message.

The more vague the definition of hate in Bill C-36 is, the more the government can abuse their power and apply that power in a politically biased way to chill and silence their opponents, while giving themselves and their ideological allies a free pass.

With Bills C-10 and C-36, there can be zero doubt that the Trudeau Liberal government is engaged in an attack on your freedom of expression. They abhor your rights and your ability to think for yourself, and they want to control you and impose a chilling effect on speech across our nation.

Rather than protecting our rights as a government is supposed to do, the Liberals are trying to restrict and attack our rights. Bill C-36 is incredibly dangerous, goes against Canada's values, and must be stopped. ♥

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- Letter to the Editor
- Promotion for an upcoming pro-life project or activity
- Feature Article or Op-Ed

Contact the Sask Pro-Life office, or email our Editor: editor@saskprolife.com

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China's Demographic Time Bomb

By Steven W. Mosher

I was doing research in a Chinese commune in 1980, when the handful of old men who run China suddenly instituted a one-child policy. I witnessed the most horrific population control program the world has ever seen. Pregnant women were arrested and incarcerated for the crime of being pregnant, subjected to endless propaganda lectures about how—for the good of the country—they would have to abort their children, and finally they were forcibly aborted and sterilized.

The one-child policy continued for decades. It led to hundreds of millions of forced abortions and sterilizations, and also caused a massive wave of female infanticide. In the beginning, desperate for sons, families kept buckets of water next to birthing beds so that if a girl was born she could be drowned immediately. Later, the advent of ultrasounds led to the selective abortion of unborn baby girls by the millions. I estimate that some 60 million baby girls, born and unborn, were killed.

The policy crushed the birth rate in the world's most populous country. By 2015, China's National Bureau of Statistics was reporting that Chinese women were averaging only 1.05 children. This was the second lowest fertility rate in the world—tiny Singapore holds that

distinction—and a recipe for demographic and economic suicide.

China began haltingly encouraging more births in 2016, when it moved to a two-child policy, but the years since have seen the number of births continue to fall. Only 12 million babies were born in 2020, down from 14.65 million the year before. This is the lowest number of births since China's great famine of 1961 when some 42.5 million people starved to death.

A few weeks ago, the handful of old men who run China decided to allow Chinese couples to have three children. The surprise move, made by communist dictator Xi Jinping and his Politburo colleagues, marks a stunning reversal of the infamous one-child policy. The new three-child policy was necessary, China state media Xinhua brusquely explained, "to actively respond to the aging of the population." No explanation was given as to how this aging had come about. Being the Vanguard of the Proletariat—as Communist parties style themselves—means never having to say you're sorry.

Of course, saying that the Chinese population is aging understates the problem caused by 40 years of population control. China today is not just aging, it is literally dying, filling more coffins than cradles each year. Chinese Communist leaders are

increasingly worried about having enough workers and soldiers for the factories and armies of the future.

At the same time, it is doubtful that the three-child policy will succeed—at least as long as it remains voluntary. The ranks of young women were decimated during the decades of the one-child policy. There are simply too few young women of childbearing age remaining to offset the coming population crash—unless every single one marries and has three children. I can't imagine any combination of carrots that would induce China's young, urban, working women to devote themselves to motherhood in this way.

In fact, some young women in China responded to the new pro-natal proposal with mockery—or at least the closest thing to mockery that the communist censors will allow to be posted on social media. "Don't make me laugh," one commenter posted on Weibo about the new policy. "Married only children have four elderly parents to care for. If you add three children as well you won't have a life."

Of course, if persuasion doesn't work, China's leaders might resort to compulsion. In fact, local party officials are already suggesting that people need to be strong-armed into the baby-making business. As professor Nie Shengzhe wrote in 2018, "Only the strong leadership of the Party can solve this problem ... of a catastrophic population decline." His proposals included only promoting those who have more children, punishing those who use contraceptives, and banning hospitals from performing abortions.

Would Xi Jinping balk at imposing such measures on the larger Chinese population? Not if he remembers the sayings of Chairman Mao Zedong in this regard. The late chairman—who is Xi's model in all things—said in a famous 1957 speech: "Reproduction needs to be planned. In my view, humankind is completely incapable of managing itself. It has plans for production in factories, for producing cloth, tables and chairs, and steel, but there is no plan for producing humans."

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1980s Chinese Communist propaganda poster. Credit: Getty Images

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By announcing a three-child policy, Xi Jinping has made it clear that he wants to “produce more humans.” No one who has witnessed the brutal coercion of the one-child policy over the years—as I have—should doubt that he has the means to enforce his plan. I predict that, with a few years, we will be seeing what can only be described as “forced pregnancy” in China by a Communist Party desperate to raise the birth rate.

But whatever policy the Party now adopts, it will be too little and too late. The children who were aborted 20, 30, and 40 years ago are the missing workers of today. Already by 2016, China was experiencing a labour shortage of 4 million workers. The shortfall will only get worse in the years to come. The country will lose over 100 million workers in the next decades as elderly workers retire. And there will be no one to take their place.

The rise of the Chinese economy from 1995 to 2010 relied on a seemingly endless supply of workers emigrating

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from country to city to engage in low-skill, assembly-line manufacturing jobs. But now the supply of workers is running out, and those same assembly-line jobs are moving to India, Vietnam, and Mexico. Add this to China’s inability to innovate because of rampant corruption and intellectual property theft, and China appears caught in what is called by economists the “middle-income trap.”

The path from middle-income to high-income, considered to be around \$20,000 per capita, is much harder to climb. You have to move from manufacturing low-value-added goods to producing high-value-added goods. This requires an innovation economy that is able to create and deploy sophisticated hi-tech manufacturing processes.

China might have escaped this “middle-income trap” through sheer weight of

numbers, but the tens of millions of low-wage producers (and consumers) that this would have required were killed by the “geniuses” who run the Chinese Communist Party.

Xi Jinping can announce a three-child policy; he can coerce every young Chinese woman into complying. But it will take a generation before those children reach working age, far too late to make any difference in the demographic and economic crisis that now has China in its grip.

China’s demographic time bomb, which has been ticking for some 40 years, has now gone off. The resulting implosion will take the Chinese Communist Party’s dream of world domination down with it, if not the Communist Party itself.

We can only hope. ♥

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INTERNATIONAL PRO-LIFE SOLIDARITY

Announcing a New Pro-Life Flag for Global Use



By Kellyn Anderson

The Pro-Life Flag Project was a recent online initiative, to which pro-lifers worldwide submitted designs for a universal pro-life flag contest. The Project was supported by a partnership of many groups, both faith-based and secular: media, business, law, policy study, and pro-life groups from around the world. They include Students for Life America, March for Life (U.S.), Magnificat Media, Christian Voices for Life, Population Research Institute, Focus on the Family, and many more. A full list of partners can be seen at prolifeflag.com.

The design and selection phases of the Flag Project ran from March 2020 to July

2021. Thousands of concepts were submitted, and six were chosen as finalists. The voting phase ran from July 7 until July 23, 2021.

The design worked by Brazilian creator Nanda Gasperini was voted the international flag for the pro-life movement. Featuring distinct colours of pink, white, and blue, the flag is packed with symbolism, using the familiar Precious Feet symbol to represent the child's life, and two hands encircling the feet to represent the mother's life. The flag seeks to represent the two lives involved in the pro-life discussion. Both the baby's and the woman's lives are equally important—this is emphasized by two stripes in the background, running the length of the flag, forming an "equals" sign.

The Pro-Life Flag Project hopes this new flag will be an image behind which the international pro-life community can rally, reminding their readers how effective flags have been in raising the profile of other charitable, activist, or 'awareness' movements (such as the LGBTQ community, among others).

As the Pro-Life Flag Project's vision statement reads: "People around the country and the world, regardless of their stance on abortion, will see the flag, know its meaning, and be compelled to think about the reality of abortion. Through positive symbolism within the design, the flag will also serve to positively brand the movement that has, in many mainstream currents, been so vilified and misrepresented."

From July 23 until September 1, only registered partners were able to print and distribute the flag design, but after September 1, 2021, it became freely reproducible. As stated on the Project's website:

"We want all pro-life non-profits to have no barriers to using / reproducing the flag design. We want for-profit organizations also to use and reproduce the design, but we request that they reach out to Pro-Life Flag Project before creating / selling their merchandise." To purchase a flag, or to make enquiries, visit www.prolifeflag.com. ♥



GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Sunday, September 12

"Young people need something stable to hang on to—a culture connection, a sense of their own past, a hope for their own future. Most of all, they need what grandparents can give them." – Jay Kesler

Donations In Memoriam

Donations were made in memory of the following persons:

- Jake Fichter
- Dennis Gutting
- Tim Hudec
- Rev. Roselis "Rose" Ward

If you would like to make a donation in memory of someone, contact the office or visit

saskprolife.com/memoriam. ♥



PRESS RELEASE

Cathay Wagantall Reacts to Vote on Sex-Selective Abortion Act (C-233)



Cathay Wagantall, MP for Yorkton—Melville

Ottawa, ON – On the heels of the parliamentary vote on her Private Member's Bill, the Sex-Selective Abortion Act (C-233), Cathay Wagantall, Member of Parliament for Yorkton—Melville, expressed her gratitude for the debate and optimism for the future.

"It was a privilege and honour for me to present this bill," said Wagantall. "It came forward at the right time, as it's clear that the vast majority of pro-choice and pro-life Canadians are against the practice of sex-selective abortion and would like it to be made illegal."

Bill C-233 would have amended the Criminal Code to make it an offence for a medical practitioner to perform an abortion knowing that it is being sought on the grounds of the child's sex. At Wednesday's [June 2] second reading vote, the House of Commons defeated the bill 82-248.

Eighty-one Conservative Members of Parliament—or two-thirds of the caucus—voted in favour of the bill at second reading. If passed at that stage, it would have moved to the Standing Committee on Justice for further study and expert testimony.

"I fully expected [the] vote result," continued Wagantall. "I felt well-supported within my own caucus on this issue. Unfortunately, members of the other parties were not able to vote their conscience* on whether sex-selective abortion should continue to have a place in our country."

***[Editor's note: Despite Erin O'Toole's pro-choice stance, the Conservative leader allowed his MPs to vote on abortion-related bills according to their consciences.]**

Wagantall expressed her appreciation for the support the legislation received, noting that the addition of a sex-selection law to Canada's Criminal Code will not happen overnight. "I hope everyone takes the time to listen to the speeches of those who spoke in support of C-233, as well as to thank those who


bravely stood up to vote in favour of protections for baby girls who would be aborted simply because they are girls."

"While listening to the speeches of those opposed to the bill, I heard no cohesive argument against prohibiting sex-selective abortion. The Liberals, NDP, and Bloc were irate that supporters of the bill used terms like 'human rights' and 'equality' to frame the debate. Thankfully, they don't have a monopoly on those terms; they fully apply to the issue of sex-specific abortion."

"Ironically, those who were opposed to this bill attempted to reframe the debate to avoid the issue of sex-selection entirely," Wagantall noted. Despite the vote result, Wagantall said that parliamentarians opposed to the practice of sex-selective abortion will not relent.

"Canada is the only democratic country in the world with no laws around abortion and, for that, we should be ashamed. This was a bill that reflected the hearts and the minds of eighty-four percent of Canadians. The conversation and understanding amongst Canadians are growing. As I've said from the outset—if just one pre-born girl's life is ended solely because of her sex, we need to act." ♥

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Daily Pro-Life Prayers

O Lord, the Giver of all life, whose ways are ever just,
Your people lift their hearts to you in praise and prayer and trust.
Protect the lives of those unborn; let laws reflect your will;
Give us your strength to work for life, that man may cease to kill.
Help us to know your will for us; give courage for the fight.
Dismiss our doubts; renew our hearts, to struggle for the right.

O Mother of the Crucified, who bore the Lord of life,
For ev'ry mother intercede; be with us in our strife.
Lord Christ, to whom each soul is dear, for whom each child has worth,
Receive your children who have died before their time of birth.
Blest Trinity, O living God, to you our prayers ascend:
Bring all at last to dwell with you, where life shall never end.



BILL C-268: CONSCIENCE PROTECTION

I Don't Want a Death Doctor

By David Cooke

Imagine you had no choice but to see a doctor who regularly dispenses lethal injections to vulnerable seniors and the disabled. Imagine your only option for treatment was a professional murderer who firmly believes that killing the sick is “good medicine.” How would you feel about trusting a physician like *that* with your health? Could you count on him to work his hardest in your hour of need—or when your condition overwhelms you with feelings of hopelessness and depression?

These are important questions to ask—especially in a day when doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and all manner of medical workers are being compelled to set aside their traditional ethics and the Hippocratic Oath in order to do the

bidding of the political left. *It is hard to recall a time when there was so much pressure on our health care workers to play God, deny their conscience, and hasten the demise of their patients!*

Evidently, it is not enough that euthanasia is legal and all-too-readily available across our country. It is not enough that over 5,000 Canadians a year are accessing this so-called “MAiD service.” No! Powerful voices in the culture of death insist that every single health care worker in **every single clinic, hospital, and pharmacy must participate in this “killing service.”**

Our once-venerable health care institutions are being utterly perverted. They are being transformed from places of healing into cost-efficient killing centres. The so-called “right to access” is

absolute, according to many of our leftist ruling elites. **Convenience** has become a greater virtue than **conscience** in our “progressive” society. In reality, though, what is labelled “progressive” by the left is truly regressive, as they embrace a practice that was characteristic of the ancient, pagan Greco-Roman Empire: euthanasia killing.

Back in May of 2019, an Ontario Superior Court upheld a tyrannical policy crafted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons back in 2016 (when euthanasia was first legalized). That policy forces doctors in that province to either directly commit or indirectly facilitate **medical murder**—whether by euthanasia or abortion.

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At first glance, the judges' ruling exhibits a modicum of logic. They state: "physicians are required to place the interests of their patients ahead of their own personal interests in the event of a conflict." That doesn't sound so bad, does it? It may not sound bad, but it is a twisted logic!

What if a patient wants something unhealthy or harmful? What if a patient's interests are misguided or medically unnecessary? What if a patient doesn't understand what he or she needs? What if a patient's emotions are clouding his or her judgement? Doctors who reject euthanasia insist that this "procedure" has nothing to do with medicine—and it is NOT in their patients' best interests. They believe that "MAiD" serves no human good whatsoever. They believe their patients deserve better.

But many on the political left are determined to command our medical professionals: Thou SHALT kill! In light of the 2019 Ontario court ruling, and given the passage of Bill C-7 (euthanasia expansion), many concerned individuals, including some virtuous political leaders, are rallying to protect our health care workers and the patients they serve. **They want to salvage our healthcare system from total destruction.**



Kelly Block, MP

Conservative MP Kelly Block (from Carlton Trail—Eagle Creek, SK) stepped forward on Feb. 18th to launch a bill to defend conscientious, pro-life health care professionals. This bill, known as C-268, is based on now-retired pro-life MP David Anderson's Bill C-418, which he called the "Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act."

Ms. Block's new Bill C-268, "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (intimidation of health care professionals)," will penalize anyone who tries to compel doctors, nurses, pharmacists, or other health care workers to participate in euthanasia—whether directly or indirectly.

As she introduced her bill in the House of Commons, Ms. Block said: "I have introduced this legislation to ensure in

plain language those rights guaranteed to all Canadians in the Charter... It would ensure that medical professionals who choose to not take part in, or refer a patient for, euthanasia or medical assistance in dying would never be forced by violence, threats, coercion or loss of employment to violate the sovereign rights we all enjoy by virtue of our citizenship in this nation."

This common-sense bill should be supported by all MPs across all party lines. However, it is very likely that Mr. Trudeau will pressure his Liberal caucus to oppose it. Also, we expect the "death lobby" to attack this bill in the media.

This is why we need YOU to reach out to your local MPs to urge them to do the right thing regardless of what Mr. Trudeau says. We need a majority of MPs to stand up for our health care workers' constitutional rights and freedoms—and for the rights of patients NOT to have a death doctor! If conscientious doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are not protected, they will leave this country for greener pastures—and we will be left with a health care system that favours killing over caring. ♥

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Summer Highlights in Saskatchewan

By Josephine Craig Penner

Bootcamp

Student leaders from pro-life clubs across Canada participated in training with NCLN this summer during Bootcamp. Bootcamp challenges students to strategically plan their upcoming year to achieve the most success possible. Success for pro-life clubs means having conversations with others about abortion, moving those they talk to closer to holding a pro-life position, and actively recruiting other students to join the club and the pro-life movement.

Training happened in three ways:

- NCLN staff gave presentations on their respective areas. SK Coordinator, Josephine, is also the communications director for NCLN and therefore coached students on effective methods of recruitment and activism online. Other areas covered were club operations and apologetics.
- In-person activism took place in downtown Regina, where Bootcamp was held. There is no better way for students to learn how to persuade others towards the pro-life position than having real conversations with people.
- The team also took time to build camaraderie by going on a hike at 6:00 am, and other activities.

We extend a big Thank-You to Regina Victory Church for letting NCLN use their awesome space!

New Project

Universities are gradually returning to campus after their year online during Covid-19. Because of the chance to do



in-person activism again, NCLN has been creating a new project for this purpose. It is called 'Some Choices Kill' and focuses on educating people on how abortion procedures really happen—details of which many are unaware. There has been a learning curve for both NCLN staff and students to understand the correct medical terms and definitions that go along with the methods and instruments used in abortions.

The project launched through August and the fall, so stay tuned for more! NCLN will be adding an information page to their website as well for public interest. This type of project (with activism focused on abortion procedures) has not been done in Canada before, so it will be exciting to see reactions and results.

Other Wins

NCLN is data-driven to ensure that real impact is being made. This summer we



analyzed metrics from the past year. The results below were possible due to the hard work of NCLN staff and students across Canada:

- 16 new social media accounts
- +11 million views on Tiktok
- +166,000 people reached on Facebook
- +675 new followers on Instagram
- 8 young women in crisis pregnancies helped (through social media)
- 19 online events hosted
- 758 individual registrants
- 65% attendance rate
- 50 youth added to the network

Do you want to get involved?

We are always trying to get more youth involved in our mission! If you are interested in finding out how, please reach Josephine Craig Penner (NCLN SK coordinator) at josephine.penner@ncln.ca. There are many ways to make an impact. ❤️



'PRO-CHOICE' MEANS NO CHOICE

U of S College of Medicine Capitulates to Activists



By CLN Staff

University of Saskatchewan medical students will have one less site option for their Year 2 Community and Work-Place Centered Learning Experiences (CWCLE) as part of their medicine and society courses.

Although Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre (SPOC) was a placement for the past decade, the U of S College of Medicine reviewed the placement choice after complaints from the Gender Engagement in Medicine (GEM) Committee.

According to the U of S website the GEM "is committed to providing the medical student body with an intersectional perspective to human health, which will promote an understanding of the ways that gender and sexuality can contribute to health inequities and will facilitate establishing future practices that are safe for, and inclusive of, all patients."

The GEM committee has accused SPOC of bullying clients into not ending their pregnancies and giving false medical information to women about the effects of abortion.

In a letter to the College of Medicine, members of the GEM Committee shared a quote from an unnamed source who supposedly did their placement at the centre in 2015. This unidentified student said she had access to a "handbook of predatory strategies [used] to intimidate women."

In various news articles blanket statements were made that crisis pregnancy centres lie to women. Dr. Jen Guenter is a Winnipeg-born author, TV host, doctor and activist who claims to debunk false medical facts. She posted the following on Twitter, which was used in the news piece, about the U of S offering Saskatoon Options Pregnancy Centre as a site choice:

"Say what now @usask@USaskMedDean about your medical school partnering with a crisis pregnancy centre, a place that lies to pregnant people? You want your medical students to learn lies and impose their personal belief on patients?"

In a letter to the GEM Committee dated June 28, the U of S College of Medicine defended its decision to have SPOC as a placement option. The following was included in the letter:

"After extensively discussing each concern raised by the GEM group, the team has ultimately decided that SPOC is a suitable option for CWCLE placements. We recognize that SPOC does not refer their clients for abortions, and they have been transparent about their stance regarding referral for abortion. The information we have obtained is that they inform their clients that abortion is an option, but that if the client wishes to pursue abortion, they recommend that the client see a medical professional."

However, it was reported July 22 that the U of S College of Medicine will no longer offer SPOC as a placement going forward due to concerns raised by students.

In response to the announcement, SPOC provided the following statement from Interim Executive Director Anne-Marie Hughes:

"SPOC is disappointed that medical students will no longer have the choice to spend 10 hours in a placement at our centre. We had feedback and statements of support from physicians across Canada who also contacted the college to express why this was a positive experience for medical students in their training. The practicum was a great opportunity for students to observe how we work with clients from diverse backgrounds as we work with many indigenous and new immigrant women in need. We view it as a loss for all involved and the wider community."

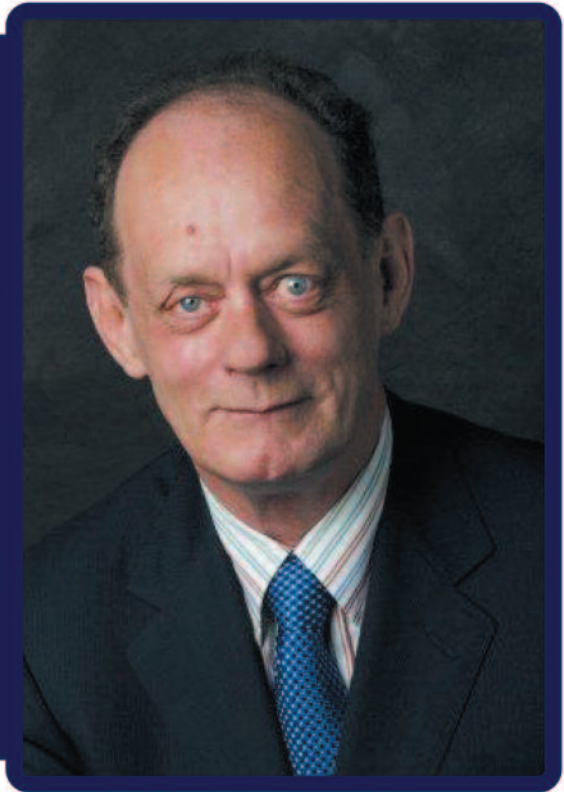
SPOC is committed to giving clients standard, medically up to date information about abortion while also discussing adoption and parenting. During the 10 years medical student practicums have taken place, this information has been reviewed by the College of Medicine. We are not a medical office so we don't arrange for medical procedures like ultrasounds, lab work or abortions and we inform clients of this early on in our contact with them."

We don't make choices for women and we listen more than we talk. A woman's autonomy and self direction are the most important parts of any meeting. Some women come to our centre stressed after an abortion because they find no one around them is comfortable hearing about their grief. We offer a safe, non-judgemental place to talk about their experience. It can be days, months or years after the event." ♥

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Pro-Life Estevan & Area had three benches made to donate to the city parks in Estevan. Unfortunately, after it was approved by the mayor, the city, and the parks manager, city counsellors became involved: they made a motion and voted to reject the heart and feet design.

Roy Ludwig, our City Mayor, gave me the opportunity to come back and defend the bench donation at the next City Council meeting with a 10-minute televised slot, plus debate. I focused on the message "Always Loved." How could persons be offended by a heart and feet? I asserted that if we really want inclusivity and diversity, Pro-Life should not be discriminated against. It created a lot of televised debate, along with several newspaper articles and a great deal of discussion on social media, so we appreciated the unintended free advertising!

Greg Hoffort with St. Joseph's Hospital in Estevan is going to utilize one of the benches already manufactured. Dale from Rock Solid Landscaping (a solid Christian) has been approaching prominent businesses to utilize the other two. The Tower Cafe, 1124 Social House, and Tap House Bar, all housed in one long standing family-owned business in the heart of downtown, are going to make use of the other two on the Main Street of Estevan. Dale from Rock Solid will take care of the installation of all three benches at no charge.

In the meantime, the City of Estevan reimbursed us \$450 for half of the cost of these three benches because they had been approved before manufacturing. The city has also compiled a new policy with guidelines for donating memorial benches to city parks. We are still awaiting the guidelines, and expect to receive them soon.

Going forward, it is our intention to go back to those who wanted to donate benches to the city parks once we have



established a design and pricing within the new city guidelines. It is my understanding that we can keep our memorial message "Always Loved," and include a "Donated by Pro-Life Estevan & Area" plaque, but not have the heart and feet. The city did not want to be seen showing bias, so the benches must state by whom they were sponsored.

Once we have the new guidelines in place, we hope to bless 3-6 parks with our "Always Loved" memorial benches.♥

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